PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIMITED NONCONSENT

Request for Written Child Protection Information | HAWAII

Date: [Date] Parent / guardian: [Full name]

Mailing address: [Street, city, state, ZIP] Contact (optional): [Email / phone]

To: Hawaii Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services (CWS) — [Office / worker]

Re: [Child initials / reference number]

To the child protection investigator and supervisor:

I understand CWS may investigate reports of abuse, neglect, or threatened harm under HRS § 587A-11. Please document my consent choices and explain any action described as legally required.

NOTICE REGARDING VOLUNTARY CONSENT

I do not give blanket advance consent to voluntary interviews of me, consensual nonemergency entry or searches, optional adult testing or evaluations, blanket releases of confidential records, or proposed voluntary services and safety plans. I will consider each request individually, including after consulting counsel. This notice does not prohibit a lawful child interview, emergency action, or valid court order.

STATE-SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS AND RIGHTS

- HRS § 587A-11(3) authorizes CWS to interview the child without family presence or prior family approval, and to assume temporary protective custody for that interview. This is NOT the same as an unrestricted power to enter a home or to retain temporary foster custody without satisfying separate statutory requirements.
- HRS § 587A-11(2) permits criminal-background checks on the alleged perpetrator and adults in the home with or without consent. Separate HRS §§ 587A-9 and 587A-11(7)-(9) govern foster custody, court petitions, and emergency protective-custody orders; temporary foster custody has prompt notice and filing/return requirements.

PLEASE PROVIDE IN WRITING

- Names and official contact information for the assigned worker and supervisor; case reference; legally disclosable allegations; and the current CWS parent guide.
- For requested home entry, adult interviews, testing, record releases, service plans, or voluntary placement, identify what is consensual and what independent statute, emergency circumstance, or court order authorizes an action.
- Available written findings, records-request procedures, complaint contacts, and the specific review or appeal notices and deadlines, if a finding is issued.

Please place this notice in the agency record and acknowledge receipt. Routine, nonurgent requests may be delivered in writing; urgent child-safety concerns can be communicated promptly.

Parent / guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

LEGAL REFERENCES: HRS §§ 587A-9, 587A-11(2)-(3), (6)-(9); U.S. Const. amend. IV.

REVIEW HOLD: This notice does not prevent a statutory child interview or lawful custody action. It does not itself establish case-record or appeal rights; verify current CWS procedures and deadlines.

IMPORTANT - NO APPEAL FILED: This notice does not file an appeal, hearing request, grievance, or court petition; it does not pause any deadline. Follow the case-specific notice and filing instructions.